Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] After the command is received, a determination is made as to whether the command is of a predetermined type that requires device reservation [[215]]210. Not all commands will require device reservation. The type of commands that require reservation may vary depending upon the type of device 100 and the type of application issuing the command.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] In one embodiment, a host already holding a reservation may be renewing the reservation by issuing a command that requires reservation before the time period of the existing reservation has expired. After a determination is made that the command requires reservation [[215]]210, the device may not [[to]] be reserved for the initiating host since this has already been performed in a previous reservation process. In this embodiment, all that may be required is a reset of the reservation time period 225 to the predetermined time period.